



Valley Volunteer

Volunteers Help Restore CVNP after Major Flooding in July 2003

Cuyahoga Valley National Park would like to thank the more than 300 volunteers who responded to the park's call for help after the devastating flooding in July. Contributing 2,870 hours over a 2-month period following the flood, volunteers helped jump-start restoration of park resources. Volunteers staffed information booths, maintained trail closures, repaired and swept trails, and inventoried and photographed damage.

Forty-one volunteers took part in Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association's "Restore the Towpath" Campaign. These volunteers worked a total of 148 hours in "Restore the Tow-

path" booths, educating and informing visitors about flood damage, recruiting new volunteers, and raising awareness about the park.

Volunteers played an important role in staffing trail closures. Trails throughout CVNP, including the Towpath Trail, were closed due to the damage caused when the Cuyahoga River exceeded flood level by three to five feet and many tributaries were overwhelmed with excess water. Although northern sections of the Towpath began opening within four days of the flooding, southern portions remained closed longer due to heavier damage. Volunteers staffed trail closures for 14

days, contributing 858 hours of service. These volunteers were able to update visitors about the park's status, as well as keep them off the trail and safe during the adverse conditions.

Volunteers also worked to clear and rebuild trails, steps, and bridges. Fifty trail work sessions were completed, as trail workers contributed over 500 hours of service.

Volunteer activities like these generated interest in many potential volunteers. Through the events following the flood, CVNP welcomed over 120 new members to our volunteer family.

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National Park**



A CVNP volunteer staffs a trail closure along the Towpath Trail after heavy flooding in July. Photo by Dick Whitehead.

VIPs Honored

On November 2 volunteer supervisors, park staff, and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association paid tribute to volunteers at the "Share Your Talents," event, a recognition dinner and talent show. Individual volunteers with over 20 hours of service for the year were invited to Happy Days Visitor Center for an evening of laughter, food, and socializing.

Park staff shared some of their unique talents including singing, horse racing, dramatic interpretation, and puppeteering, as volunteers feasted on lasagna, salad, rolls, and desserts prepared by the Environmental Education Center.

The following individuals received awards for their special efforts this year:

Volunteer of the Year *Pamela Good* (VIP Office, Volunteer Senior Ranger Corp assistance, Hawkins library, invasive plant removal)

Volunteer Group of the Year *Tract Trekkers* (establish park boundaries and inventory newly acquired land)

Volunteer Teams of the Year *CVNP Actors and Actresses* (make living history and costumed programs throughout the park possible); *Ranger Operations Support Volunteers* *Jerry Chample, Frank Dusek, Jerry Finnell, and John Zimmerman* (support duties including training new volunteers and monthly monitoring of traffic counters and all park fire extinguishers)

Volunteer Supervisor of the Year *Jim Sharps* (maintenance volunteers at Environmental Education Center)

Also recognized for their efforts were Larry Bell and Sharon Malumphy (both Trailblazers and First Aid Cadre), Fred Wahl (Student Explorer), Jerry Chample (Program Assistant), and Tom Jones (Photography).

Thanks to all of our volunteers for donating more than 61,000 hours of service and continuing to make CVNP a special place!

Volunteers Share Love of Outdoors with Young People

Seven volunteers shared their love of fishing with youth groups in the Junior Ranger series this summer. This dedicated group, from high school students to retirees, helped ensure safety while baiting lines and teaching casting. These additional leaders gave the children the personal attention that makes all the difference.

The Junior Ranger series is operated by the Environmental Education Center (EEC) of Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA). Junior Ranger programs serve youth ages 7 to 12 visiting the park either in organized groups or with their families. Many inner-city groups receive scholarships

thanks to the participants in last spring's March for Parks, sponsored by CVNPA. These children would have few opportunities to visit natural areas and gain outdoor skills otherwise.

If you are interested in volunteering for school or summer programs at the EEC, contact Supervisory Park Ranger Arrye Rosser at (330) 657-2796 ext. 110 or arrye_rosser@nps.gov. There are opportunities to help in day and evening programs. If you are interested in supporting EEC programs like this one through a donation, contact CVNPA at (330) 657-2909. The smiles on excited young faces make it all worthwhile!



A CVNP volunteer demonstrates proper fishing techniques during a Junior Ranger fishing program at Kendall Lake.



Teaching children how to take fish off hooks was one of the many skills volunteers shared during the program.

Caution – To Ensure Your Safety

Did you know that as a National Park Service (NPS) volunteer you receive the same benefits as a federal employee for tort claims and medical expenses if problems arise while you are volunteering? You must be qualified and trained for your assignment and working within your signed Volunteers-In-Park agreement and job description to be covered by those benefits. We can never be reminded too many times to be cautious on the job.

Here are some helpful hints to help prevent accidents:

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Check in with your NPS supervisor before and after your assignment to let them know where and when you will be working.

- When out on the trail check in and out by radio with the park's communications center to let the rangers know your location so they are able to respond quickly if needed.
- Wear appropriate safety gear.
- Training should be provided before you volunteer, including proper use of equipment and radio use.
- Volunteers involved with public contact should be trained in first aid and CPR.
- Report all job-related injuries as soon as possible to your supervisor.
- Provide first aid and CPR to visitors only within the scope of the training you receive.

If you have questions, please contact your volunteer supervisor for clarification.

First Aid Training Cadre Being Developed

A training cadre is being developed to facilitate American Red Cross First Aid and CPR classes for CVNP staff and volunteers. Heading up the committee are Park Volunteers Walt Heeney, Larry Bell, and Sharon Malumphy. Midwest Safety Officer Kurt Topham and VIP Program Manager Sharon Judson are advising the committee.

We are currently looking for more instructors. To become an instructor, you must be trained in first aid and CPR and be willing to take instructors classes. For more information or if you are interested in becoming an instructor, contact Sharon Malumphy at (440) 546-5997 or sharon_malumphy@nps.partners.gov



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Cuyahoga Valley National Park protects 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting.

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Local Ski Patrol Wins Recognition

The Cuyahoga Nordics Ski Patrol is a volunteer organization that assists winter recreationists at CVNP, including sledders, cross-country skiers, snowshoers, and hikers. Members patrol the sledding hills near Kendall Lake Shelter and staff the first aid station on Quick Road. Members provide their own training in outdoor emergency care, avalanche rescue, mountain travel and rescue, professional rescuer CPR, and ski instruction. Although members do not have to be experienced skiers to join, they must possess a great deal of determination and dedication.

Last year the Cuyahoga Nordics were voted Outstanding Nordic Ski Patrol in the Ohio Region and the Central Division, with over 140 patrols competing. Cuyahoga also received a National Ski Patrol Unit Citation, the only Nordic patrol in the United States to receive such an honor this year. In 1990 they were voted the most outstanding Nordic ski patrol in the entire nation for the 1989-1990 ski season.

If you are interested in becoming a member of this elite organization, please contact Daryl Knauss (patrol representative) at (440) 884-4165 or by e-mail at Knauss95@cs.com.



Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail Status

The Towpath Trail within the historic Ohio & Erie National Heritage Canalway continues to grow. Here is the current status at the time of publication:

Section	Length	Status
<i>Cuyahoga County (North of CVNP)</i>		
Settlers' Landing to Harvard Avenue	5.4 miles	Under study. Construction expected to begin 2006.
Harvard Avenue to CanalWay Center	2.1 miles	Open.
CanalWay Center to Rockside Road	3.8 miles	Open.
<i>CVNP</i>		
Rockside Road to Botzum Trailhead	20 miles	Open.
<i>Summit County (South of CVNP)</i>		
Botzum Trailhead to Mustill Store (Akron)	6.7 miles	Open.
Mustill Store to Lock 10	.25 miles	Under design. Construction expected to begin 2004.
Lock 10 to Lock 2 Park	.75 miles	Under study. Construction expected to begin 2005.
Lock 2 to Cedar Street	0.4 miles	Open.
Cedar Street to Bartges Street	0.9 miles	Under study. Construction expected to begin 2005.
Bartges Street to North Shore Summit Lake	0.6 miles	Open.
North Shore Summit Lake to Kenmore Boulevard	0.9 miles	Under study. Construction expected to begin 2006.
Kenmore Boulevard to Manchester Road	2.3 miles	Under design. Construction expected to begin 2004.
Manchester Road to Snyder Avenue (Barberton)	4.3 miles	Open.
Snyder Avenue to Center Road	4.0 miles	Under study.
Center Road to Clinton	1.5 miles	Open.
Clinton to Stark County line	1.25 mile	Open.
<i>Stark County</i>		
Summit County line to Lincoln Way West (Massillon)	11.7 miles	Open.
Lincoln Way West to Walnut Road	1.3 miles	Closed until issues related to crossing the railroad line have been resolved.
Walnut Road to Wooster Avenue (Navarre)	5.3 miles	Open. Note: construction in this section may require temporary re-route of the trail.
Wooster Avenue to Craig Pittman Memorial Park	1 mile	Under construction.
Craig Pittman Memorial Park to Riverland Road	1.9 miles	Open.
Riverland Road to State Route 212	3.4 miles	Open by summer 2003.
<i>Tuscarawas County</i>		
State Route 212 to I-77	3 miles	Under study. No date set for construction.
I-77 to State Route 800	6.6 miles	Open, but undeveloped (earthen surface). The rehabilitated Old Zoar Bridge over Tuscarawas River will open as a pedestrian connection from the towpath to Zoar in summer 2003.
State Route 800 to New Philadelphia	9.6 miles	Under study. No date set for construction.

Recording History: The Jaite Mill Oral History Project

“Sometimes we forget that it was the people who made the Cuyahoga Valley what it is... You can’t understand the dynamics of the Cuyahoga Valley until you understand the history of the people who lived there.” (Dr. Lynn Metzger, Professor of Anthropology, University of Akron).

From January to May 2003, the University of Akron’s Dr. Lynn Metzger directed an oral history study that involved interviewing former workers of the Jaite Paper Mill. The Jaite Paper Mill’s history in the Cuyahoga Valley stretches from 1906 to 1984, when the mill was closed and the site was purchased by the National Park Service. The mill was an important facet of life in the valley for most of the twentieth century and had significant impact on the area’s cultural landscape. The former Jaite company town houses were rehabilitated and now house Cuyahoga Valley National Park’s headquarters. The ruins of the mill can still be seen along the west side of the Towpath Trail south of Highland Road. Even though much of the Jaite Mill’s built environment still exists, many former workers’ stories have been lost over time. This oral history project sought to capture those remaining histories, stories, and voices for future generations.

Twelve students conducted interviews with 29 people who worked at the mill and/or lived in the valley. The interviewers recorded memories that weave work, community, and everyday life into a “people’s history.” Common themes touched upon by many of the interviewees were ever-present workplace hazards and pranks, the sense of “family” among the Jaite



Now the site of CVNP headquarters at the intersection of Riverview and Vaughn Roads, the Jaite company town once housed workers of the Jaite Paper Mill. *Photo courtesy of the Peninsula Library and Historical Society.*

workers, and the Cuyahoga Valley as their “neighborhood” and “playground.” The project was accomplished through a partnership of the University of Akron, Peninsula Library & Historical Society, Brecksville Historical Association, and Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

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Along with their memories, many of the participants also provided historic photographs, maps, and other materials. Hours of video and audio tape, hundreds of pages of transcripts,

and other material will be archived in the park’s library in Everett and will provide important information for the upcoming restoration of the Jaite Mill site.

In 2004, Cuyahoga Valley National Park will begin the first phase of removing the deteriorating mill, restoring the site to a natural setting. The park intends to preserve pieces of the mill to interpret the heritage of the site. In the long term, the oral histories will inform the interpretation of the site, adding the workers’ voices to our understanding of the mill and landscape.

Towpath Tenth Anniversary

This fall marked the tenth anniversary of the opening of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath as a recreational trail for northeast Ohio. A 20-mile ribbon of crushed limestone winding its way through the valley was opened as a resource for thousands of hikers, bikers, skiers, and equestrians to enjoy our national park.

To commemorate the tenth anniversary of the towpath, CVNP and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association hosted several events throughout the fall including hikes and bike rides. The keystone event was a day of activities on September 20, providing visitors 20 opportunities for exploration along the 20 miles of trail. Park staff and volunteers staffed stations along the towpath including trailside music, discussions with historical characters, and discovery stations with animal pelts and spotting scopes setup for hands-on viewing.

Many thanks go out to all CVNP volunteers who helped make the Towpath Tenth Anniversary a success as well as to those who make the Towpath Trail such an asset to the park and northeast Ohio every day.



Volunteer Opportunities

Office Assistants

1 or 2 well-organized office assistants are needed Monday mornings for filing, organizing, and photo-copying. Applicants must enjoy the company of other people and be able to work independently on occasion. Training will be provided. Contact Sam Tamburro at (330)657-2096.

Special Use Permit (SUP) Assistant

An SUP Assistant is needed to work with the direction of the park's Law Enforcement Specialist. Duties will include making contacts with corporate, non-profit, and private user groups interested in holding special events in the park; assisting groups completing and submitting their applications for special use permits; researching inquiries and answering questions; maintaining the SUP calendar and updating events as they are scheduled; various miscellaneous duties. 1 to 2 days each month. Schedule is flexible. Contact Dale Silvis at (440)546-5941 or dale_silvis@nps.gov.

Visitor Center Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to staff visitor centers. Volunteers will greet the public, assist visitors planning their park visit, introduce exhibits, and conduct sales. Volunteers are asked to commit to at least two 4-hour shifts each month. Hours vary seasonally but are roughly 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, with some evening shifts available for concerts and lyceums. We are seeking people who enjoy talking to visitors and have good communication skills. Comprehensive training will be provided. Contact Rebecca Jones at (330)657-2753.

Lunch Relief Visitor Center Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to relieve rangers and other volunteers for lunch breaks at various visitor center locations. Volunteers must complete comprehensive Visitor Center Volunteer training and evaluation. Positions will be available daily from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Contact Rebecca Jones at (330)657-2753.

Hines Hill Cleaning Volunteer

Volunteer needed to maintain Hines Hill Conference Center. This person would take a personal interest in the conference center and keeping it clean. Volunteer will be needed once a week for a quick cleaning (wash tables, vacuum, put away dishes, etc.). Contact Gerry Wuchter at (216)524-1497 x223.

Junior Ranger Booklet Assistants

Families with children ages 7 to 12 are needed to review and pilot activities being developed for a new CVNP Junior Ranger booklet. Input may be given at focus groups and/or in writing after families have done field testing. Ten to fifteen volunteer families will be needed from January to August 2004; families may give feedback at only one stage of the process or throughout the entire project. Contact Arrye Rosser at (330)657-2796 x110.

Sewing Volunteer

Volunteers needed to sew animal and historic costumes. On-site sewing area, all supplies, and patterns will be provided. Sewing ranges from basic repair to costume creation. Basic knowledge of a sewing machine is necessary. Contact Bridget Strong at (330)657-2796 x116.

Volunteer Application

Instructions: Complete this form and mail it to the parks where you wish to volunteer (or to editor).

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Areas of Interest: Listed here are some areas of interest and skills needed for volunteer jobs. **Please mark those that apply to you and give details of your experience in the form below.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Archeology | <input type="checkbox"/> Disability access/
sign language | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic preservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Public relations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts & crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture | <input type="checkbox"/> Search & rescue
operations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backcountry
maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency medical
assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campground hosting | <input type="checkbox"/> Fish & wildlife mgmt. | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports & recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cartography | <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign languages | <input type="checkbox"/> Law enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail construction
& repair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computers | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative affairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor programs
& services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction (roads
& buildings | <input type="checkbox"/> Geology | <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries/research | <input type="checkbox"/> Word processing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Database admin. | <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic design | <input type="checkbox"/> Military history | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing/editing |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Museums/exhibits | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural history | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | |

Additional information: (attach more pages if necessary): _____

References: Please provide the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of two persons familiar with your abilities, knowledge, or work experience.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Availability: Please tell us about your availability for volunteer service:

Starting/ending date: _____ Days of week & working hours: _____

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Signature (please sign in ink) _____ Date _____



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Without the support of our volunteers, the rapid restoration of most park facilities and services would not have been possible.

Volunteer opportunities remain today, as work continues to restore the park to pre-flood conditions. Haskell Run Trail and all equestrian trails south of State Route 303, except the Riding Run Trail, remain closed. Those interested in continuing to help can join several

organizations that perform trail work, including Cuyahoga Valley Trails Council, Ohio Horseman's Council, and Adopt-a-Trail Program. For more information, contact the volunteer program manager at (440) 546-5996 or cuva_vip_coordinator@nps.gov. Thank you to all the volunteers who contributed time and effort to restoring CVNP!